

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

The Hall County Board of Supervisor met from adjourned session and by published call September 24, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the county board of supervisor's room 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lancaster

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Rev. Frank Curran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGH.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accepted and placed on file the minutes of the September 10 meeting
2. 5a Approved Resolution #02-0062 for the stop sign at Leisure Lake Road and Renee Road
3. 5b Approved Resolution #02-0063 for the stop sign at Leisure Lake Road and Amick Avenue
4. 5c Approved Resolution #02-0064 for the stop sign at South Locust and Giltner Road
5. 5d Authorized the Chair to sign the Nebraska Board of Public Road Classifications and Standards Certification
6. 8 Approved the appointment of Imogene Lechner to serve on the Regional Planning Commission Board
7. 9 Approved Resolution #02-0065 for pledged collateral for Well Fargo Bank
8. 10 Approved Resolution #02-0066 proclaiming September as CASA month
9. 11a Authorized the chair to sign the certification of the cost allocation plan with Maximus
10. 11b Authorized the chair to sign the request for reimbursement for direct costs from Health and Human Services
11. 23 Accepted and placed on file the office reports from the County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of the District Court and Emergency Management
12. 24 Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
13. 25 Accepted and placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY CLERK
AUGUST 2002

TITLE FEES STATE SHARE	\$17,304.25
TITLE FEES COUNTY SHARE	\$ 8,991.75
RECORDING FEES	\$ 30.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 480.00
PHOTO FEES & MISC	\$ 41.02
PLAT BOOKS	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,887.02

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
AUGUST 2002

DOCUMENTARY STAMPS	\$ 6,583.98
RECORDING FEES	\$21,767.00
PHOTO FEES	\$ 611.65

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
AUGUST 2002

INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	\$ 1.31
EARNED FEES ON ACT #2-200-4	\$5,742.74

COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2a APPROVE OFFER TO CONFESS JUDGEMENT WITH GREAT PLAINS BOTTLERS VS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that through discussion with Great Plains he would like the board to consider the offer to confess judgment with Great Plains Bottlers. County Assessor Jan Pelland also approved this. The offer would be \$640,598.00. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the offer to confess judgment with Great Plains Bottlers for \$640,598.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2b APPROVE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR FURNISHINGS AND CASE GOODS FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz presented the bid specification for the furnishing for the new Attorney Building. He stated that some of the credenzas in the old building are permanently fixed to the walls and cannot be moved. He has money set aside for these furnishings. He reviewed the information in the specifications. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the bid specifications for the office furnishings for the county attorney office building. Jeffries amended his motion and Logan seconded to set the bid opening for October 8, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2c APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE REGARDING YWCA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the YWCA has completed the renovations for their building and now they are requesting the assignment of the lease for the industrial development bonds. Equitable Building and Loan will be handling the mortgage and they are requesting the board to assign the lease. He recommended approving this. Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the assignment of the lease for the YWCA. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Louise Miller 1104 West Charles requested to speak to the County Board concerning the Vision program. She expressed concern on the meetings and the lack of attendance. This project will update the comprehensive development plan and address all of the zoning the county. Jeffries stated that he has attended several of the meetings and the attendance is poor. This plan has not been updated since 1970 and this needs to be addressed.

6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR HALL COUNTY – The Hall County budget was approved at the September 10th meeting by a motion and vote but This resolution was prepared and should also be approved. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve Resolution 02-0061 setting the property tax request for Hall County. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RFP FOR OPERATION OF COUNTY JAIL AND COUNTY JAIL LEASE PURCHASE (LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE)

Lancaster stated that the long-range planning committee met and discussed hiring a person to assist preparing the request for proposals for the jail issue. They recommend hiring some one to be on Hall County's side to see through this process and to protect Hall County. The committee is requesting the board to allow them to retain counsel to assist with the process. Jeffries questioned how much this would cost. Hartman stated that this should come back to the whole board for a decision.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to allow the long-range planning committee to retain counsel to assist with the request for proposal for the jail issue.

Hartman questioned what this person would be. County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that they would like to find some one with experience in the field of county financing. Hartman questioned why the county could not use the consultants that were hired to do the jail study. Arnold stated that Durant was hired to do this but they may be interested in bidding on the jail. Janulewicz stated that it is the board's choice but this is an important issue and it needs to be structured correctly. Hartman expressed concern that they long-range planning committee is looking only at the lease purchase.

Arnold stated that if the board would use the firm from Iowa for the RFP process then they might want to bid on the project. How could they give an objective opinion? He expressed concern on the fact that there may be a new board in January and the new members would not have the information so the time is a critical issue.

Jeffries agreed that the board may need some one but they need to have the board approve the person. Jeffries stated that this is a big project and they should not rush into it. He questioned how this could be done in two weeks and what would the cost be.

Logan stated the board needs to have some one develop and review the request for proposal. He suggested that they contact the group from Texas of Barney Bishop with Durant develop the RFP and then come back to the full board.

Lancaster stated that in the Discussion County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz felt it would be good to have counsel to see us through. Janulewicz stated the RFP needs to be correct and we do not want to have potential bidders assisting with the RFP

Hartman questioned why the board couldn't use Barney Bishop with Durant. When you hire an attorney they do more than one case and Durant has done several jails and they know the information in Hall County.

Arnold amended his motion and Eriksen seconded to allow the committee to retain council contingent that the full county board would approve the retention.

Eriksen stated that County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz needs assistance to prepare the RFP.

Hartman questioned what the hurry was and maybe the new board should have something to say about this. It would only be a couple of months and it will be several million dollars.

Janulewicz stated that there are consultants that develop RFP for jails they may not be an attorney but they may have experience in government finance or someone that specializes in jail projects.

Jeffries stated that it would take time to find some one.

Arnold stated that he might vote against his own motion if this does not move forward it will be an issue for the next board. He stated that this would be a huge issue at election time. Jeffries stated again that it would take time to find some one.

Humiston stated that he would like to see the committee find some one and bring it back to the full board it will take time to do this.

Motion was withdrawn. The committee has the approval to search for some one to help and bring it back to the full board in two weeks.

4 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR CORRECTION DEPARTMENT PICKUP – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL BID	DELIVERY DATE
ANDERSON FORD	2003 FORD F350	\$21,372.00	TO BE ORDERED
GI FARM SUPPLY TRUCK & AUTO	1999 FORD F350	\$15,000.00	IMMEDIATELY

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the corrections director and the committee for review. They will meet and come back with a recommendation today. Discussion was held and the board will have a break to review the bids. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The board took a break.

Returned to regular session.

The correction steering committee stated they have a recommendation on the bid opening for the van. Arnold stated that the county budgeted \$15,000.00 for a used pickup and that amount was cut from \$30,000.00 that was requested. The bids that were received have a used vehicle for \$15,000.00 and a new vehicle for \$21,000.00 they recommended to purchase the new vehicle. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the purchase of the new pickup for the corrections department and to use the \$15,000.00 that was budgeted and take the additional funds of \$6,377.00 from the miscellaneous general fund, miscellaneous line item.

Hartman stated that he was surprised that the bid on the new pickup came in so low and recommended to find the additional money for the new vehicle.

Jeffries stated that they did not want a new truck to pull the tar kettle and it would make more sense to purchase the new vehicle. The other bidder did pull his vehicle off of the market for two weeks but with the warranty on the new vehicle it would be a better buy.

It is also possible that this vehicle could be used for other things. The vote on the motion to purchase the new vehicle was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	LOCATION/SQ FOOTAGE	AMT. SQ FT.
MASONIC TEMPLECRAFT	217 N LOCUST - 7,000 SQ FT	\$2.50 PLUS ELEVATOR MAIN.
SCOTT & SHERRI ARNOLD	216 W 2 ND , 5,800 SQ FT MAIN FLOOR 2 ND FLOOR 4,100 SQ FT	\$4.25 MAIN FLOOR \$4.50 MAIN FLOOR LESS STAGE
JAMES BELTZER	401-411 w 3 RD 2,100 SQ FT	\$8.00 SQ FT
DOUTHIT REALTY	207 N PINE 1,612 SQ FT	\$10.00 SQ FT

10:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR DISTRICT #8 PROBATION OFFICE – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	LOCATION/SQ FOOTAGE	AMT. SQ FT.
MASONIC TEMPLECRAFT	217 N LOCUST- 7,000 SQ FT	\$2.50 PLUS ELEVATOR MAIN.
SCOTT & SHERRI ARNOLD	216 W 2 ND , 5,800 SQ FT MAIN FLOOR 2 ND FLOOR 4,100 SQ FT	\$4.25 MAIN FLOOR \$4.50 MAIN FLOOR LESS STAGE
JAMES BELTZER	401-411 w 3 RD 2,100 SQ FT	\$8.00 SQ FT
DOUTHIT REALTY	207 S PINE 1,612 SQ FT	\$10.00 SQ FT
PROCON DEVELOPMENT	208 N PINE 3,900 SQ FT	\$7.50 SQ FT

Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to refuter these bids to the long-range planning committee and come back to the next meeting with a recommendation. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no and Arnold abstained. Motion carried

Hartman questioned why the public defender and probation offices could not move into the old health department building when they move out. This could be used for temporary quarters. He said the board needs to consider this. Lancaster stated that he is on the committee and maybe this could be discussed.

Eriksen stated that Sonja Simpson Health Department Director was present and she requested to speak to the board. She stated that they are working on the completion of the plans for the building layout and the earliest that they would need the building would be January.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI-WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims and Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the claims as audited. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – County Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka included her progress report in the packets and stated she did not have anything else to report.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He reported that he attended the long-range planning meeting and reported that the construction is proceeding on the Wood River Flood Project. The tree removal has started and mentioned that they are moving dirt. Hartman questioned if the county is going to rebuild the camping spaces after the project is complete the county will lose most of the camping spaces. Jeffries stated that the Convention & Visitors Bureau stated that there is tremendous need for camping spaces and they are upset that the county may not rebuild the camping spaces. Eriksen stated that the upper end of the project will be done next year.

Logan – He reported that the long-range planning committee met and the building and grounds committee met yesterday. He also attended the safety meeting and attended two of the 9-11 events. He also represented the county at a public housing meeting.

Jeffries – He reported that the building & grounds committee met Monday to address the changes that will be needed for the new driver's licenses. He asked if the board would consider the space down stairs that will be open when the attorney's office moves. Drivers testing will need more room to take the pictures when the new system is in place. This will be placed on the agenda in two weeks.

Arnold – He reported that he attended the Stuhr Museum board meeting and the long-range planning meeting.

Lancaster – She reported that she attended the Senior Citizens meeting and assisted with the visitor's council and attended the 9-11 Patriot Day at City Hall.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be October 8, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

